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SUBJ: EXIMBANK COMMUNICATIONS WITH BANK HANDLOWY

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1. JAN WOLOSZYN, VICE PRESIDENT OF BANK HANDLOWY, TOLD AN EMBOFF JUNE 14 THAT HANDLOWY WOULD ATTEMPT TO ANSWER EXIMBANK'S TELEX OF APRIL 18 BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. WOLOSZYN SAID HIS BANK HAD APPROACHED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE SOON AFTER THE RECEIPT OF EXIM'S CABLE, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON WHICH PROJECTS ARE LIKELY TO GET THE GO-AHEAD UNTIL THIS WEEK.

2. WOLOSZYN APPRECIATED EXIM'S DIFFICULTIES IN PROCESSING LOAN PRECOMMITMENTS (PCS). AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID THAT HIS BANK TAKES THE POSITION THAT EXIM RATHER THAN BANK HANDLOWY IS TO BLAME FOR THE CURRENT IMPASSE. WOLOSZYN OBSERVED THAT THE FORMER PROCESSING PROCEDURE HAD WORKED WELL FROM HIS BANK'S POINT OF VIEW AND SAID HE PERSONALLY HAD NOT FAVORED THE CHANGE IN OPERATING PROCEDURES WHICH PERMITS US FIRMS TO APPLY FOR PCS DIRECTLY TO EXIM. WOLOSZYN HOPED THAT HANDLOWY'S RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 18 TELEX WOULD PROVIDE SOME INDICACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF WHICH DEALS WERE LIKELY TO MOVE AHEAD.

3. WOLOSZYN SAID BANK HANDLOWY APPRECIATES EXIM'S WILLINGNESS TO ADAPT THE COOPERATIVE FINANCING FACILITY (CFF) TO CONDITIONS IN POLAND. HE ADDED THAT HIS BANK IS PLEASED THAT PROCESSING PROCEDURES UNDER THE CFF ARE SO STREAMLINED AND SAID HANDLOWY PLANNED TO USE

THE CFF ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE GOP'S EMPHASIS UNER THE REVISED 1976-80 PLAN IS ON RECONSTRUCTION AND REFITTING OF EXISTING PLANTS RATHER THAN TURNKEY PROJECTS. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. DAVIES

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